



## Dundana Elementary School

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### February 2016 Newsletter

First I would like to congratulate the entire Dundana community and many of the students from Mme Godley's class who raised 348.85 during the bake sale to support the Syrian families that have recently arrived in Hamilton. Another thank you goes out to the community as Dundana raised over \$3700 during the Dance-a-thon. A special thanks goes out to Mr. Gibson for all of his work organizing the Dance-a-thon, Mrs. Rivlin and Mrs. Toth for finding all of the donations for prizes and Mrs. Hawley for putting together the music that the students had chosen.

#### **Thank You**

Please join me in saying THANK YOU to all of the community business that donated to our Dance-a-thon.

Amarettos, B Love, Beanermunky, Bulk Barn, Discount Emporium, Earth Shake, Freewheel Cycle, Frosty's Fish 'n Chips, Jax, Kids 'n Krafts, Lise Gould Esthetics, Mrs. Greenway, One Rebellion, Pados Jewelry, Picone's, Shopper's Drug Mart (King St), Shoppers Univ Plaza, Starbucks, Subway, T&D Streetwear, The Kitchen Witch, The Vitamin Store, Turtle Pond Toys, Westside Stories, Wood's Premier Martial Arts (Ancaster), Yogurty's (West Hamilton)

#### **Donations to Help New Canadians**

A growing number of refugees from Syria are beginning their new lives in Hamilton, and Dundana would like to help make them feel at home!

We are opening up the school as a drop-off location for items that will be passed directly to families in need. Specifically, we are looking for new or gently-used clothes (for all ages and seasons), housewares (anything for the kitchen, rugs, bedsheets, curtains), toys, games and books.

The drop-off room will be the Gym stage and will be open Wednesday March 9<sup>th</sup>, Thursday March 10<sup>th</sup>, Monday March 21<sup>st</sup>, and Tuesday March 22<sup>nd</sup> before and after school.

Please enter through the front doors of the school, turn right, and continue to the third door of the gym.

We thank you so much for your generous donations.

Dundana staff and students.

#### **Meeting with Teachers**

Please book an appointment with your child's teacher if you wish to speak with them. Once instructional time has begun (bell has rung) teachers are not available to meet/talk to parents.

#### **Lost and Found**

Due to Fire regulations our Lost and Found can no longer be displayed on tables in the front foyer. Please check the lost and found bin if your child has lost any items. Any items that are left at the end of each month will be donated to a local charity.

#### **Registration for 2016-2017**

Registration for 2016-2017 begins February 1<sup>st</sup> for students entering the FDK program or students who are registering for Grade 1 French Immersion program. Please bring proof of birth and proof of address (utilities bill – gas, electric, water). (for families who are registering for G1 French Immersion please let your home school know)

#### **Out of Catchment**

Please note that Dundana is closed to Out of Catchment, therefore we will not be accepting any applications for the 2016-2017 School year.

#### **Drills for 2016**

Each year school must perform the following Drills.

*Please note that there will be no access to the school during these drills*

Lock down – March 1<sup>st</sup> @ 10:00 am

## **School Safety – Office Check-In**

Just a reminder that all caregivers must check in at the office when entering the school. Please do not enter the school to drop off your child or to pick up your child without checking in at the office.

Thank you in keeping all of our student's safe at Dundana.

## **We are a Nut Sensitive School**

Parent and/or students are asked to carefully read labels of all food items that are brought to school to ensure that they **have no traces of nuts or nut products**. Many products now carry a clearly marked "Nut Free" logo.

## **Dressing for the Weather**

Just a reminder that students will be going outside unless there is extreme cold or rain. Students may go outside during these days for a shortened period of time. Please remember to send your child with appropriate clothing:

**-hat, gloves, boots, snow pants, winter coat, raincoat etc.**

## **Temporary Excusal from School**

Just a reminder that if you will be on an extended holiday and your child will be off for an extended time, please come into the office to complete a Temporary Excusal from School form.

## **Pets on School Grounds**

Please do not bring any pets onto school grounds. We need to ensure the safety of all of our students, staff and community. Thank you for your cooperation.

## **Anaphylactic Management Plan**

If you have not completed the appropriate paper work to ensure the safe administration of epinephrine please pick up a form from your child's teacher or the office. Once your Dr. has completed this form your son/daughter's Anaphylactic Management Plan will be completed. **These plans must be updated each school year.**

## **Parking Lot**

Just a reminder to all parents, if you are dropping your child off at school we ask that you do not park in the parking lot or stop in the emergency stopping zone. All students should be picked up and dropped off on the playground where students are supervised by staff members. Thank you for your continued support.

## **Attendance**

Regular attendance and punctuality are very important habits and routines for all students. There is a direct correlation between regular school attendance, positive work habits and enhanced student achievement. Consistent with the Safe Arrival Check Policy of the HWDSB, it is the parent's responsibility to inform the school when a child is going to be late or absent. Please call and leave a message at any time (905-628-2622) with your child's name, teacher, grade and the reason for their absence.

## **School Cash Online**

School Cash Online – Website Translation

Using Google Translate, the School Cash Online website is available in 90 languages. Translation is available in Arabic, Chinese, Croatian, Filipino, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portugese, Serbian, Spanish and many other languages spoken by families of Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board students. We encourage all families to register for School Cash Online and participate in this service.

## **Agendas**

All students in grades 1-5 will receive a Dundana Agenda. This is a great tool to help keep the communication between home and school open. Agendas should be taken home and returned to school every day. Please take a few minutes to review these pages with your child(ren).

## **Milk Sales**

White and Chocolate Milk is for sale every day during second break in the gym.

Cost \$0.65 each or student can purchase tokens for:

5 for 3.25, 10 for 6.50, 15 for 9.75, 20 for 13.00, 30 for 19.50

### Personal Electronic Devices

Students may use their personal electronic devices outdoors during nutrition breaks. At all other times, these must be turned off and put away. **Taking pictures or video using any electronic device is strictly prohibited, unless part of instructional program under the guidance of a staff member.**

Students may only use these devices outside, or if a teacher asks students to use them for instructional purposes only.

Please note: The school is not responsible for loss or damage to any personal electronic devices.

It is a parental choice to allow their child to bring an electronic device to school.

### School Council News

School Council meeting dates for the 2015-2016 School Year:

March 9<sup>th</sup>

May 11<sup>th</sup>

April 13<sup>th</sup>

June 8<sup>th</sup>

Dundana's School Council has started up a Face book page and Twitter account. Please take a moment to visit both areas.

<https://www.facebook.com/DundanaSchoolCommunity>

<https://twitter.com/dundana4ourkids>

### Bell Times 2015-2016

Please remember that instructional time begins with the bell, please have your child at school prior to the bell.

Start time: 8:55 AM

End time: 3:15 PM

\*\*please note that supervision on the playground begins at 8:40 am until the entry bell and ends at 3:30 pm after dismissal.

### Busing

If you have a question if a bus is running late please contact the carrier listed below for your child's bus.

Routes 6102 and 6157 (Bus 1) - Attridge-905-690-2632

Routes 6219 and 6166 (Bus 2) - Attridge-905-690-26323

Route 6132 (Bus 3) - Attridge-905-690-2632

Route 6017(Bus 4) – Sharpes - 905-679-0001

Route 5006(Bus 5) – Sharpes - 905-679-0001

### Lunch Wizard

Once again Dundana students will have an opportunity to order Lunch Wizards. Please note we cannot accept late orders.

March 23rd and 30th

May 11th and 18th

April 20th and 27th

June 8th and 15th

### Pizza Days for 2015-2016

Mar 4, 24

May 13, 27

Apr 8, 22

June 9, 24

### HWDSB 2015-2016 School Calendar

The 2015-2016 school year calendar is available at: <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/elementary/plan-for-school/calendar/>

### Upcoming Dates for 2015-2016

March 14-18th – March Break

March 25<sup>th</sup> & 28th – Holiday – no school

April 15<sup>th</sup> - PA day – no school for students

May 3rd – Open House 5:30-7:00 BBQ (Harveys)

May 5th – FDK (SK) Grad Photos

May 13th – Volunteer Tea

May 23rd – Holiday – no school

June 10th – PA Day – no school

June 24th – Play Day

June 27th – G5 Celebration

June 29th – Last day of Classes

June 30th – PA day

Please see Dundana's Web site <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/dundana/> for additional dates throughout the school year.

## **Nutrition Policy Non-Compliance Days for 2015-2016**

April 2<sup>nd</sup>, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>

## **Spirit Days for 2015-2016**

March 11<sup>th</sup> – Crazy Hair Day

April 13<sup>th</sup> - Day of Pink – Anti Bullying Day

May 20<sup>th</sup> – Mismatch Day/Wacky Outfit Day

June 17<sup>th</sup> – Canadian Colours or Canadian Clothes Day

\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE THAT MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS WILL BE POSTED ON OUR WEB SITE AND HARD COPIES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE IF NEEDED. TO REDUCE OUR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT NO HARD COPIES WILL BE SENT HOME. YOU CAN SIGN UP FOR EMAIL FROM THE SCHOOL'S WEB SITE IF YOU WISH TO BE INFORMED OF UPDATES.